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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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amend as follows:

Cancel claims 6-8, 15 and 16.

Add new claim 17.

--17. A hand-held tool for shearing by transverse forces a body having a non-circular cross-section by the application of torsional force, said tool comprising upper and lower discs, each of said discs having an upper side and a lower side, said upper disc having opposing cutting edges in the form of a slot of fixed dimension at its lower side and said lower disc having opposing cutting edges in the form of a slot of fixed dimension at its upper side, said sides directly touching each other at said edges, each of said discs having a handle attached thereto for rotating said discs counter to one another about a rotation axis to apply a torsional shearing force on the body in a plane transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body, said

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